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SUBJECT: FRG REACTION TO THE WASHINGTON ENERGY
CONFERENCE

1. THE ECONOMIC COUNSELOR CALLED ON ECONOMICS
MINISTRY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LANTZKE TO OBTAIN HIS
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REACTION TO THE WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE. LANTZKE
SAID THAT IT WAS ON BALANCE A GOOD CONFERENCE. HE

SAID HE THOUGHT IT WAS GOOD THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME THE OTHER EIGHT COMMON MARKET MEMBER* DID NOT YIELD TO THE OBSTINACY OF THE ONE REMAINING MEMBER TO FORCE AN EC POLICY BASED ON THE LEAST COMMON DENOMINATOR PRINCIPLE. HE THOUGHT THE RESULTING SPLIT WITHIN THE EC WAS BAD FOR EUROPE HOWEVER.

2. LANTZKE BRISTLED WHEN WE BROUGHT UP THE REPORTS IN THE FRENCH NEWSPAPERS THAT ONLY FRANCE HAD REMAINED FAITHFUL TO THE EC MANDATE WHILE THE OTHER EIGHT MEMBERS HAD VIOLATED IT. HE DEFENDED FRG SUPPORT OF THE US PROPOSALS ON THE FOLLOWUP TO THE CONFERENCE BY NOTING THAT WHILE THE ORIGINAL EC MANDATE DID NOT SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZE THIS POSITION NEITHER DID IT PROHIBIT IT.

3. LANTZKE CORROBORATED PREVIOUS REPORTS THAT JOBERT HAD BEEN ABSOLUTELY INFLEXIBLE THROUGHOUT THE CONFERENCE. HE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT HAD JOBERT BEEN WILLING TO TAKE THE SMALLEST STEP TOWARDS COMPROMISE, THE JAPANESE/CANADIAN PROPOSAL FOR THE FOLLOWUP WORK OF THE CONFERENCE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE RECEIVED THE BACKING OF THE OTHER EC MEMBERS. IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUESTION LANTZKE COULD OFFER NO EXPLANATION FOR JOBERT'S BEHAVIOR. HE REPORTED THAT DURING ONE OF THE EC CAUCUSES JOBERT HAD BEEN TOLD THAT IF HE COULD EXPLAIN THE MOTIVES FOR HIS INFLEXIBILITY PERHAPS THE OTHER EC MEMBERS MIGHT SHOW SOME UNDERSTANDING OF HIS POSITION BUT THAT JOBERT REFUSED TO PROVIDE ANY CONCRETE EXPLANATION FOR HIS BEHAVIOR.

4. LANTZKE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHO WOULD BE THE GERMAN REPRESENTATIVES ON THE COORDINATING GROUP. HE ALSO STATED HE HAD NO DETAILS ON WHEN OR WHERE THE GROUP WAS TO BEGIN ITS WORK. HE SAID THE QUESTION OF WHERE THE GROUP WOULD BE LOCATED COULD BE A TROUBLESOME ISSUE HOWEVER. ALTHOUGH IT WOULD BE MOST LOGICAL TO USE THE FACILITIES OF THE OECD
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FOR THE MEETINGS, EVEN THOUGH THEY WOULD BE HELD OUTSIDE THE OECD FRAMEWORK, THIS WAS CLEARLY IMPOSSIBLE NOW THAT FRANCE WAS NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE FOLLOW-UP WORK.

5. LANTZKE SAID HE THOUGHT IT WAS STILL IMPORTANT THAT THE EC CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO FORGE A COMMON ENERGY POLICY. WE ASKED IF HE SAW A SPECIAL ROLE FOR GERMANY, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP, TO PROVIDE THE IMPETUS FOR FORWARD MOVEMENT. HE

REPLIED THAT IT WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR THE
IMPETUS TO COME FROM THE COMMISSION.
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